

PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK October 4 – 10, 2026

WHEREAS the Town of Bon Accord is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our Town; and

WHEREAS fire is a serious public safety concern, both locally and nationally, and homes are where people are at the greatest risk to fire; and

WHEREAS most of the rechargeable electronics used in homes daily, including smartphones, tablets, laptops, power tools, e-bikes, e-scooters, and toys, are powered by lithium-ion batteries, which if misused, damaged, or improperly charged, can overheat, start a fire, or explode; and

WHEREAS the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) reports an increase in battery-related fires, underscoring the need for public education on the safe use of lithium-ion batteries and devices; and

WHEREAS the way lithium-ion battery devices are charged can make a difference in helping prevent home fires; and

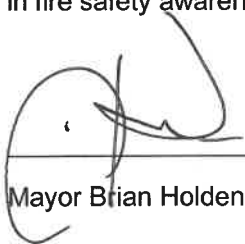
WHEREAS safe charging includes using the cord and charger that came with your device or one approved by the manufacturer, charging on a hard, flat surface, watching for warning signs like devices that are very hot or start to swell, unplugging when fully charged, and charging larger devices like e-bikes outside and away from exits; and

WHEREAS residents are encouraged to understand that safe charging means making smart choices every time they plug in; and

WHEREAS Bon Accord first responders remain dedicated to reducing the occurrence of fires through prevention, safety education, and community outreach; and

WHEREAS the 2026 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, "Charge into Fire Safety™: Safe Charging Is a Superpower," serves to remind all residents that safe charging can help reduce the risk of fires in homes and communities;

NOW THEREFORE on behalf of Council, I, Mayor Brian Holden of the Town of Bon Accord, do hereby proclaim the week of October 6-10, 2026, as "Fire Prevention Week", and urge all residents to participate in fire safety awareness and prevention.



Mayor Brian Holden

SEPTEMBER 17, 2026
Date